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SUBJECT: ADDRESSING RESOURCE REQUESTS FROM THE UN
DEPARTMENT OF PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND MINUSTAH FOR
INITIATIVES IN HAITI

REF: STATE 7439

¶1. (SBU) This is an action request for USUN New York to share the information in paragraphs four through six with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO). In addition to sharing the U.S. Government responses to DPKO requests for assistance, USUN is asked to confirm with DPKO that there are no other outstanding specific requests of the USG from DPKO. USUN should also inquire as to other resources DPKO intends to request from the USG or UN member states either immediately or while finalizing their long-term plans for MINUSTAH or support of the HNP. The Department would also like to know which requests from DPKO are being satisfied by other UN Member States and thus, would not require U.S. Government resources.

¶2. (SBU) Background: Since the 12 January earthquake in Haiti, the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) has made numerous requests for resources from UN Member States and the U.S. Government to support MINUSTAH and the reconstitution of the Haitian National Police (HNP). These requests have come in various forms, through both formal and informal channels, and have originated both from UN DPKO Headquarters in New York and MINUSTAH Headquarters in Port-au-Prince. To ensure prompt, effective, and coordinated responses to UN requests for assistance, the Department consolidated these requests and has taken the following action in order to address them (See paragraphs 4-5).

¶3. (SBU) Background continued: (Not for release to DPKO) The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) has a certain amount of funds to meet immediate needs pending an official Department decision. The Department is working with the National Security Council to provide a breakdown of how identified funding can be spent once we know what other donors will be providing, and will have an answer early the week of February 15. End Background.

¶4. (SBU) The Department has received a number of requests from DPKO for resources to support the HNP and Rule of Law initiatives. Below is a list of these requests and action the USG is taking to fulfill them. USUN is requested to inform DPKO of U.S. efforts to meet these requests and to ask about the status and prioritization of each:

--Communications package for the HNP including 4,500 Motorola

handheld radios, 500 Motorola vehicle-mounted radios, 6 QANTAR Repeater programmable stations, 200 multi-charger units: S/CRS and INL are discussing donations of this communications equipment that the USG might be able to provide. A USG communications expert has been in contact with MINUSTAH to discuss modalities.

--Logistics package for the HNP including fuel, clothing and equipment for HNP trainees, support and testing for 5,000 candidates for recruitment to the HNP, furniture and office equipment for HNP HQ, computers and data communications, megaphones, individual policing equipment, 3,000 camp beds, 600 tents, five feeding points, medical supplies for HNP officers and families, funeral support for deceased HNP: INL has derived 906 police pants, 370 pairs of socks, 358 pairs of boots, 84 shirts, 5,240 flex cuffs, and 700 caps for the HNP. INL has also purchased 5,000 meal kits for HNP for an indefinite period. INL has also provided the lists of names and skill sets of 15 U.S. police to DPKO. INL will procure equipment for the HNP for immediate operational support and to immediately help restart functioning police stations. INL will also increase its contribution to MINUSTAH to assist with technical advising either via the UN or on a bilateral basis. INL is considering assisting with the restoration or construction on a short term basis of facilities to allow the quick functioning of HNP. USAID is budgeting for 140 small and 10 large tents.

--4,500 uniforms for HNP (two sets each, including boots and cap): U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) has provided some uniforms and is in the process of providing more. State INL has received specifications from DPKO on additional uniforms needed by the HNP and is in the process of providing them.

--HNP Headquarters and Commissariat logistics including desktops, laptops, copiers, desks, armchairs, chairs, and office supplies: USAID is budgeting for all of these supplies to be sent to Haiti via the Dominican Republic.

--Communications package for the Ministry of Interior: S/CRS and INL are discussing which equipment is best suited to fulfill this request.

--Support for the immediate mobilization of the HNP including medical centers, salaries, a new HQ building, uniforms, firearms and ammunition, crowd control equipment, 100 jeeps, 100 4x4 vehicles, 25 trucks (25 tons), 10 water tanks: The U.S. military has provided some uniforms and is in the process of providing more. INL is discussing the provision of crowd control equipment; however, State will not be able to supply lethal or less-than-lethal supplies listed in this request. USUN is requested to ask DPKO to inquire with Japan about the provision of vehicles. The Government of Haiti (GoH) has insisted on paying HNP salaries and issued checks this past week.

--Immediate reactivation of detention facilities including temporary prison facilities, repair of key facilities, technical assistance to re-establish prisons, non-lethal weapons, and lethal weapons: DPKO has also noted the urgent need for barbed wire. We have sent Creole-speaking police and corrections officers to Haiti that are assessing certain facilities. INL is initiating procurement of food and water for the corrections staff and the approximately 500 prisoners still in custody. As more prisoners are detained, INL intends to procure more food, water and supplies. INL has deployed its correctional facilities advisor and a structural engineer last week to conduct an assessment of the structures and facility capacities for the immediate future. Once the survey is complete, INL will be able to target its acquisitions for renovations, equipment, bedding, furniture, shelter, vehicles, fuel, water tanks, etc. INL is prepared to deploy five additional corrections advisors, already notified to UNDPKO and MINUSTAH. So far, two corrections officers have been accepted by UNDPKO. INL expects the additional three to be approved around February 8, 2010. INL is also searching for additional advisors from several US jurisdictions and is prepared to assist in the procurement of

uniforms, and correctional officer equipment, including duty belts, boots, cuffs, flashlights, batteries, and leg restraints for the 718 security staff. INL plans to include a supply of radios for the DAP in its larger radio purchase for the HNP.

--Two program officers familiar with the USG rule of law system to work at UN-HQ in New York for three months: DPKO has provided the terms of reference to the Department, which is currently selecting the officers. USUN is requested to keep this request close hold, as it was not meant for general consumption.

--Support for the Haitian justice system including 10 pre-fabricated containers for court rooms, 100 computers, 20 printers with supplies, 20 electrical generators, 15 vehicles: USAID is budgeting for generators, fuel, and computers. The Department has not yet been able to consider the request for pre-fabricated containers and vehicles.

--Vehicles for the HNP including 4 Land Cruisers, 15 Prados, 180 Hilux twin cab, 200 Yamaha motor bikes, 400 Yamaha quad bikes: Other international donors should be approached for this need. Due to legal restrictions on procurement and shipping, "Buy America" and "U.S. Flag Carriers," it would take time to receive the needed waivers to allow procurement and shipment to happen. USUN is requested to ask DPKO to inquire with Japan regarding the provision of vehicles.

--Facilities for the HNP including a new HNP HQ, vehicle workshop, replacement Commissariat at Delmas 33, and a fire station for Petionville: INL would be pleased to construct a new headquarters building for the HNP; however the U.S. has reports that other donors have pledged assistance in this area. If no donor is identified, INL would be able to meet this need. INL had planned site and funding to create a fleet maintenance garage for the HNP. If requested, INL can continue with its plans in this area. INL was responsible for the construction of the Commissariat at Delmas 33 and would be pleased to provide this infrastructure development as well. Regarding the fire station in Petionville, INL has the ability to provide this assistance but as a new requirement, an assessment would need to be conducted before plans begin.

--Weapons and ammunition for the HNP: State is unable to provide lethal or less-than-lethal equipment for the HNP. Other donors will need to be identified for this requirement.

--Specialized training personnel including 5-6 experts on narcotics, 4-5 experts on kidnapping, 1-2 experts on forensic investigation, 3-5 maritime police specialists: Before the earthquake, INL had seconded a drug specialist to the MINUSTAH mission to work directly with the HNP on counternarcotics. INL is currently recruiting additional advisors to serve in specialized capacities within MINUSTAH and will present candidates to DPKO for their consideration. INL will not be able to provide phone tapping equipment to assist with kidnapping crimes.

15. (SBU) In order to help facilitate the deployment of additional troops and formed police units to MINUSTAH, the State Department's Bureau of Political Military Affairs (PM) is working with the following countries to ensure their contingents are ready for deployment to Haiti and can function effectively on the ground.

--Dominican Republic: Infantry Company-150 troops. UNDPKO/OMA has accepted their offer. The GoDR informed the U.S. that the GoDR troops do not need any additional training or equipment however, the U.S. stands ready to consider any training or equipment needs which may arise. The Dominican Republic is a Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI) partner and has received \$4.3M for peacekeeping capacity development since FY2008. It is also a member of the Conference of Central American Armed Forces (CFAC) multilateral PKO force, which GPOI also supports.

--Guatemala: 50 troops to augment MINUSTAH contingent. UNDPKO/OMA is considering their offer and the Department is seeking to learn of any training or equipment needs Guatemala may have. The U.S. stands ready to consider any requests from the Guatemalan contingent for training or equipment. Guatemala is already in MINUSTAH and is a GPOI partner which has received \$4M for peacekeeping capacity development since FY2006. It is also a member of CFAC which GPOI supports.

--Uruguay: Infantry Company-150 troops. UNDPKO/OMA is considering their offer. We are seeking to learn and stand ready to consider any official Uruguayan needs for training or equipment. Uruguay has a contingent already in MINUSTAH and has been a GPOI partner since FY 2008. Uruguay has received about \$2.2M in FY 2008 and FY 2009 funding for peacekeeping capacity development. GPOI is also using \$2.299M in FY 2005 residual funds to provide replacement Jeep J8 or similar troop transport vehicles to replace the aging Soviet vehicles currently in use in MINUSTAH.

--Peru: Infantry Company-150 troops. UNDPKO/OMA is considering their offer. The U.S. is seeking to learn and stands ready to consider any requests to augment Peruvian training or equipment needs; Peru is a contingent already in MINUSTAH and a GPOI partner which has received \$6.8M for peacekeeping capacity development since FY 2007.

--Bolivia: Offer TBD. We are seeking to learn and stand ready to consider any to augment Bolivian informal offer training/equipment needs they may have; Bolivia is a contingent already in MINUSTAH and a GPOI partner that received \$1.2M since FY 2008.

--Sri Lanka: Offer TBD. UNDPKO/OMA has received this offer. Sri Lanka is under sanctions; a policy decision would have to be made concerning whether GPOI can engage Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka has a contingent in MINUSTAH and is a GPOI partner that has received about \$2.8M for peacekeeping capacity development since FY2007.

--Jordan: Offer of FPU TBD. UNDPKO/OMA has received this request. We are seeking to learn and stand ready to consider any requests to augment Jordanian offers with training or equipment needs they may have. Jordan is a MINUSTAH member and a GPOI partner that received \$3.5M for peacekeeping capacity development since FY 2006.

--Bangladesh: Offer of 1 FPU. UNDPKO/OMA has accepted this offer. We stand ready to consider any need to augment the Bangladeshi offer. Bangladesh is a member of MINUSTAH and a GPOI partner that received \$7.1M since FY 2005. In support of DPKO,s medium term plan for MINUSTAH, Bangladesh has offered an additional FPU and UNDPKO/OMA has accepted. Bangladesh is already a MINUSTAH member and GPOI partner that received \$7.1M since FY 2005.

--Rwanda: Tentative offer of one FPU in support of DPKO,s medium term planning for MINUSTAH and UNDPKO/OMA has accepted. The Department has offered to provide some equipment to support a Rwandan deployment and is awaiting further word on Kigali,s agreement to deploy. Current estimates of Rwanda,s needs are approximately \$2 million; GPOI has identified \$2M to support the deployment of this FPU should Rwanda formally commit to its deployment. Rwanda is a GPOI partner that has received over \$7M in GPOI funds and over \$5M in PKO Supplemental funds for peacekeeping capacity development. Rwanda is already a member of MINUSTAH.

--Pakistan: Offer of an FPU in support of DPKO,s long-term needs for MINUSTAH. UNDPKO/OMA has accepted. Pakistan has approximately \$2M available in GPOI funding which it will be urged to use to support this possible deployment to MINUSTAH.

--Nepal: Offer of an FPU in support of long term needs. UNDPKO/OMA has accepted. The U.S. stands ready to consider any training/equipment needs they may have. Nepal is already a MINUSTAH member and a GPOI partner that has received about \$5.7M for peacekeeping capacity development since FY 2006.

Nepal is also slated to receive \$3M in residual FY 2005 equipment funds to support its upcoming deployment to UNAMID.

¶6. (SBU) USUN is requested to inform DPKO that the United States intends to continue its diplomatic strategy of engaging regional partners and troop contributing countries in the Western Hemisphere to ensure that MINUSTAH is fully deployed in a timely and effective manner. Further details of our diplomatic strategy will follow via SEPTEL.

¶7. (SBU) The Department thanks USUN for its work on the international response to the earthquake in Haiti. As additional requests are received from DPKO and progress is made on outstanding requests, the Department will transmit a cable to USUN with updates, as appropriate.

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